

REMARKS

Claims 46-59 and 63-137 are pending. Claims 60-62 were previously canceled. Claims 50, 51, 52, 53, 80, 84, 88, 96, 104, and 114 have been amended herein. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated March 14, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 46-49, 63-79, 84-87, 104-113, and 124-137. The Examiner also rejected various claims under 35 U.S.C. §101 based on certain language contained within those claims, and indicated that the rejections would be overcome if the language in question were deleted from the claims. The Applicants thank the Examiner for his suggestions and, in accordance therewith, have amended claims 50, 51, 52, 53, 80, 84, 88, 96, 104, and 114 herein as requested by the Examiner. No new matter has been introduced.

A Petition to Make Special under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c), along with the Declaration of Philip T. Davis in support of said Petition, are also being submitted herewith.

In light of the above, the Applicants believe that claims 46 – 59 and 63 – 137, as amended herein, are in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is

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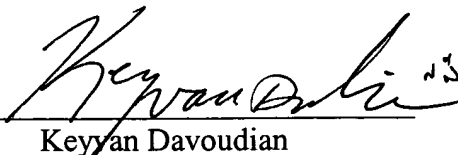
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requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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